

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An air conditioner comprising an outdoor unit and an indoor unit provided with an indoor heat exchanger and an indoor expansion device, wherein the outdoor unit comprises:

a compressor ~~for compressing~~ that compresses a refrigerant;

an outdoor heat exchanger ~~for heat-exchanging a~~ that exchanges heat with the refrigerant;

a four-way valve ~~adjacently arranged~~ , positioned adjacent to the compressor, ~~for circulating~~ that circulates the a refrigerant discharged from the compressor according to one of a heating cycle ~~or~~ and a cooling cycle; ~~and~~

a refrigerant detouring path ~~for detouring a~~ that detours the refrigerant discharged from the outdoor heat exchanger to the compressor ~~at the time of~~ during a defrosting operation; and

a heat exchanging unit, positioned along the detouring path, that heats the refrigerant.

2. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising an outdoor expansion device ~~for reducing that reduces~~ a pressure of a the refrigerant and ~~is installed in the middle of~~ positioned along the detouring path.
3. (Original) The air conditioner of claim 2, wherein the outdoor expansion device is an electron expansion valve.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the heat exchanging unit ~~is formed of~~ comprises a heat conducting coil which winds around the refrigerant detouring path.
6. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner of claim 1, wherein the refrigerant detouring path ~~is connected to~~ extends between a first refrigerant path ~~for connecting , that connects~~ the outdoor heat exchanger and the indoor unit by a first three-way valve, and ~~is connected to~~ a second refrigerant path ~~for connecting , that connects~~ the four-way valve and the indoor unit by a second three-way valve.
7. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner of claim 6, further comprising a receiver ~~for that temporarily receiving~~ receives the a refrigerant passing through the first refrigerant path; and

a drier installed positioned between the first refrigerant path and the first three-way valve, ~~for the drier being configured to remove removing~~ moisture ~~of a~~ from the refrigerant.

8. (Currently Amended) The air conditioner of claim 1, wherein the outdoor unit comprises a plurality of ~~the outdoor unit~~ units are arranged in parallel.

9. (Currently Amended) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, said outdoor unit comprising:

a compressor;

an outdoor heat exchanger ~~for heat-exchanging~~ that exchanges heat between a refrigerant ~~with~~ and external air;

a four-way valve ~~adjacently arranged~~ positioned adjacent to the compressor, ~~for changing that changes~~ a flow-path of a the refrigerant ~~for~~ and circulates the ~~circulating~~ a refrigerant according to one of a heating cycle ~~or~~ and a cooling cycle;

a first refrigerant path ~~for connecting~~ that connects the outdoor heat exchanger to an indoor unit;

a second refrigerant path ~~for connecting~~ that connects the four-way valve to the indoor unit;

a refrigerant detouring path connected to the first refrigerant path by a first three-way valve and connected to the second refrigerant path by a second three-

way valve, ~~for detouring a~~ that detours the refrigerant ~~at the time of~~ during a defrosting cycle;

an outdoor expansion device ~~installed in the middle of~~ positioned along the refrigerant detouring path, ~~for lowering~~ that lowers a pressure of a the refrigerant ~~which flows~~ in the refrigerant detouring path; and

a heat exchanging unit installed between the outdoor expansion device and the second three-way valve, ~~for heat-exchanging a~~ that exchanges heat with the refrigerant which has passed through the outdoor expansion device.

10. (Currently Amended) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner of claim 9, wherein the heat exchanging unit ~~is formed of~~ comprises a heat conducting coil which winds around the refrigerant detouring path.

11. (Currently Amended) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner of claim 9, further comprising an accumulator ~~arranged~~ between an outlet of the four-way valve and an inlet of the compressor, ~~for filtering~~ that filters a liquefied form of the refrigerant.

12. (New) An air conditioner comprising an outdoor unit and an indoor unit provided with an indoor heat exchanger and an indoor expansion device, said outdoor unit comprising:

a compressor that compresses a refrigerant;

an outdoor heat exchanger that exchanges heat with the refrigerant;

a four-way valve positioned adjacent to the compressor, that circulates the refrigerant discharged from the compressor according to one of a heating cycle and a cooling cycle; and

a refrigerant detouring path that extends between a first refrigerant path, that connects the outdoor heat exchanger and the indoor unit by a first three-way valve, and a second refrigerant path, that connects the four-way valve and the indoor unit by a second three-way valve.

13. (New) The air conditioner of claim 12, wherein an outdoor expansion device, positioned along the detouring path, reduces a pressure of the refrigerant.

14. (New) The air conditioner of claim 13, wherein a heat exchanging unit that heats the refrigerant is positioned along the detouring path.

15. (New) The air conditioner of claim 14, wherein the heat exchanging unit comprises a heat conducting coil which winds around the refrigerant detouring path.

16. (New) The air conditioner of claim 12, further comprising a receiver that temporarily receives the refrigerant passing through the first refrigerant path; and

a drier positioned between the first refrigerant path and the first three-way valve, that removes moisture from the refrigerant.

17. (New) The air conditioner of claim 12, wherein the outdoor unit comprises a plurality of outdoor units arranged in parallel.